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Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expect to harvest 16,000 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 500 acres more than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2006 spring crop is up 4 percent from a year ago, to 17,600 acres, and up 21 percent from the 2004 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is estimated at 12,300 acres, up 8 percent from 2005.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 3,700 acres, down 10 percent from last year.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 40,600 acres, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2004-2006 ^{1/}

Area	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Acres</u>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley	9,100	12,500	13,500	7,800	11,400	12,300
Winter Garden/Laredo	5,400	4,500	4,100	4,700	4,100	3,700
TOTAL ALL AREAS	14,500	17,000	17,600	12,500	15,500	16,000

^{1/} Preliminary 2006 acres for harvest.